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1. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS TOOK PLACE ON 20 SEPT, ATTENDED BY ALL 38 STATES PARTIES.

AMB ALEXANDER YANKOV OF BULGARIA WAS NOMINATED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING BY THE REP OF COLOMBIA, SUPPORTED IN STATEMENTS BY THE REPS OF CYPRUS, ROMANIA AND THE UK, AND WAS ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION. FOUR VICE CHAIRMEN, AMB OLAF RYDBECK OF SWEDEN, AMB MAMADOU BOUBACAR KANTE OF MALI, DR. LUCILLE MAIR OF JAMAICA, AND MR. SAMI GAMMOH OF JORDAN WERE ALSO ELECTED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. THE MEETING CONSIDERED 25 CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE 18 SEATS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE. NOMINEES OF THE FOLLOWING 16 STATES (INCLUDING ALL WEO NOMINEES) WERE ELECTED ON THE FIRST BALLOT: ROMANIA, IRAN, TUNISIA, USSR, RWANDA, SYRIA, ECUADOR, CYPRUS, NORWAY, FRG, COLOMBIA, BULGARIA, UK, DENMARK, GDR AND CANADA. NOMINEES OF COSTA RICA AND MAURITIUS WON ON THE SECOND BALLOT, AND THE CANDIDATES OF URUGUAY, BAR-

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BADOS, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IRAQ, AND MONGOLIA FAILED

TO BE ELECTED.

3. THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE WILL BEGIN ON 1 JANUARY 1977. BY THE RANDOM DRAW OF THE CHAIRMAN, NEWLY-ELECTED MEMBERS FROM THE FOLLOWING NINE STATES WILL SERVE A TWO-YEAR TERM ENDING ON 31 DECEMBER 1978: DENMARK, GDR, TUNISIA, MAURITIUS, COSTA RICA, NORWAY, ECUADOR, RWANDA AND THE FRG. THE OTHER NINE NEWLY-ELECTED MEMBERS AND ALL MEMBERS ELECTED SUBSEQUENTLY, WILL SERVE FOUR-YEAR TERMS. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED FOR LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL 1977.
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